

## Air Vent Wins Grand Prize at County Fair



GRAND PRIZE... Sandra Goodrich, Queen of the Los Angeles County Fair, presents trophy to Olin H. Stapp, president of Air Vent Aluminum Awning Co., after the firm's display was named a prize winner. At left is William R. Dewar, an executive of the Harvey Aluminum Co., Inc.

Award of the grand prize to Air Vent Aluminum Awning Co. for its imaginative screen swimming pool display has been made at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

The grand prize trophy was presented by Sandra Goodrich, queen of the fair, and William R. Dewar, an executive of the Harvey Aluminum Co., Inc.

Olin H. Stapp, president of Air Vent Aluminum Awning Co., accepted the trophy for his firm.

The award, for the creative use of aluminum in outdoor living, is for a display which features a swimming pool. It was prepared with the aid of the Blue Haven Pool Co. of Los Angeles.

The lightweight framing and screening permits varied treatment of backyards and pool areas, Stapp explained. In addition, it provides safety fencing around the pool area. The Southern California

Gas Co. provided tiki torches at 5333 N. Long Beach Blvd., and patio furniture for the Long Beach, has been serving display was supplied by Ames Air.

The firm is the world's largest producer of aluminum awnings and patio covers.

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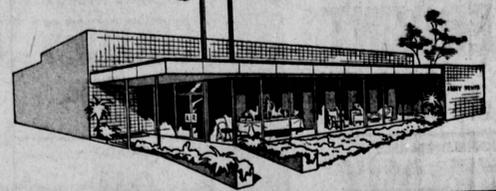
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## Hahn Labels Tax Limit Measure 'Smoke Screen'

A proposed initiative constitutional amendment to limit property tax to 2 per cent, and later 1 per cent, has been labeled a "smoke screen" by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

"The plan would take 10 years before the tax ceiling would be reduced to 1 per cent of the assessed valuation for homeowners," Hahn said.

SOME HOMEOWNERS are now paying less than 2 per cent of their assessed valuation. "Still the total tax bill is backbreaking," Hahn said. "If there is going to be an initiative petition, I hope it is not merely a smoke screen because in 10 years' time some property owners, particularly senior citizens, will have to dispose of their homes waiting for the reform."

He said that before the ini-

tiative is submitted and before the citizens sign it, it should be reworked to include a ceiling of 1 per cent effective immediately as he originally proposed when the plan was first announced.

THE REAL solution to many of our tax problems is to reduce government spending, eliminate duplication of services, demand strict accounting, and have more cooperation between governmental agencies, Hahn emphasized.

"When a tax is reduced for one group, it usually means other taxes such as sales tax, income tax, fees, and licenses will be imposed on the citizens," Hahn suggested that tidelands oil money be used to help ease the County tax rate for all taxpayers.

"THERE HAVE been public announcements of billions of dollars in potential tideland oil revenue in the Wilming-

ton-Long Beach area, and there have been announcements of big oil fields in the Beverly Hills area and other sections of Los Angeles County. With all the candidates making speeches about property tax reform, I have not yet heard any of them advocate a greater return to local government from tidelands oil so the homeowners' taxes can be reduced," he said.

"It seems to me a reasonable approach for county government to get 50 per cent from all oil revenue anywhere in Los Angeles County, including up to the three-mile limit off shore. This should be returned to the county government, not to any individual city like Long Beach, but for the entire property taxpayers."

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